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SUBJECT: INCREASED DUTIES ON IMPORTED FILMS

1. MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MPEAA)
HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE GOT HAS RAISED DUTY
ON EXPOSED FILM FROM 2.2 BAHT TO 30 BAHT PER METER
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 25, 1976, EXCEPT FOR FILM 16 MM. AND
SMALLER WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE DUTIABLE AT 0.5 BAHTS
PER METER. ACCORDING TO MPEAA, A 10,000 FT. FILM WILL
NOW BE DUTIED AT 102,415 BAHT (DOLS 5,120) COMPARED TO
THE PREVIOUS DUTY OF 10,331 (DOLS 565). MPEAA HAS
RECOMMENDED, AND MEMBER COMPANIES HAVE AGREED, THAT ALL
SHIPMENTS OF FILMS TO THAILAND BE STOPPED.

2. THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF
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THE AMERICAN FILM BOARD IN THAILAND HAS ALREADY BRIEFED
THE EMBASSY ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS. ROBERT PERKINS OF
MPEAA'S MANILA OFFICE, WILL BE COMING TO BANGKOK IN THE
NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH GOT OFFICIALS.

3. OBVIOUSLY, THE INCREASED IMPORT DUTY IS CONTRARY TO
EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FREE AND OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

AND SEEMS ESPECIALLY INAPPROPRIATE DURING THE MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH THAILAND IS PARTICIPATING.

MOREOVER, THE HIGHER IMPORT DUTIES WILL PROBABLY REDUCE
GOT REVENUE SINCE MPEAA STATES THAT FEW FILMS WOULD BE
ABLE TO JUSTIFY SUCH A HEAVY TAX.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT
THE EMBASSY BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN RESOLVING
THE DISPUTE, POSSIBLY ACCOMPANYING PERKINS IN HIS
CALLS. A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE GOT-PERKINS
CONSULTATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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